GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4771
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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON VARIOUS HEADS
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Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conference, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISD telephone bills, electricity bill and other office expenses under his Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. BHAVANABEN D. CHIKHALIA)

(a) The expenditure incurred in sub-heads viz. "Domestic Travel Expenses", "Foreign Travel Expenses", "Office Expenses" and "Other Administrative Expenses" during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 is as under:-

[In Lakhs of Rupees]

S. No.	Sub-Heads	During 2000-01	During 2001-02	During 2002-03
1.	Domestic Travel Expenses	14.51	17.85	17.82
2.	Foreign Travel Expenses	8.51	54.92	49.46
3.	Office Expenses	102.62	86.80	77.77
4.	Other Administrative Expenses	22.62	15.40	11.31
5.	Total	148.26	174.97	156.36

(b) & (c) Various economy instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance from time to time are kept in view to cut down the expenditure being incurred.

(d) Does not arise.